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Rome, Decemb. 16.

THE 10th inſtant died here Cardinal *Francis Barberin*, Nephew to Pope *Urban* the VIII. in the 83 year of his Age, and the 56 of his Cardinalate; By his death ſeveral great Offices and Preferments are become void; in that of Dean of the Colledge of Cardinals, he is ſucceeded by Cardinal *Fachenetti*, and in others by his Nephew Cardinal *Charles Barberin*. There are now 18 places vacant in the Colledge of Cardinals.

Madrid, Decemb. 14. The 30 paſt their Majeſties arrived at *Guadalajara*; and the next day came to *Torrejon*, the Queen Mother, who arrived there ſome time before, went from her Apartment, to meet them; the King no ſooner ſaw her, but he ran to her, embraced her, and kiſſed her hand, the Queen advancing at the ſame time likewiſe to kiſs her hand, which the Queen Mother would not permit, and embraced her with great tenderneſs, treating her with the Stile of Majeſty. Being come into the Palace, the Queen took the Queen Mothers hand by force, and kiſſed it ſeveral times, praying her to treat her as her Daughter. Then the Queen-Mother perceiving that the Queen was without a Muff, ſhe gave her hers, on which was a Knot of Diamonds, and then tyed about her Wriſt a Bracelet worth 2000 Piſtols, inſtead of a Ribon ſhe took thence. The next day their Majeſties came to the *Buen Retiro* (one of the Royal Palaces at the end of this Town) amidſt the acclamations of the people, who flocked thither to ſee them. The Preparations for her Majeſties publick Entry into this place, are ordered to be finiſhed againſt the 22 inſtant, and if they cannot, that Solemnity will be deferred till after *Chriſtmaſs*. The Queen will not make her Entry on Horſeback, as was at firſt intended, becauſe it is believed ſhe is with Child. *Don Emanuel de Lyra*, has taken poſſeſſion of his Place of Secretary of State for *Italy*.

Genoua, Dec. 20. The Senate has reſolved to ſend an Envoy to *France*, to repreſent to that Court the reaſons which obliged them to deny the French Gallies a room in their Arſenal. It is much feared that *Caſal* will at laſt fall into the hands of the French, no body now doubting but that the Duke of *Mantoua* has ſold it to them; for we have ſeen here a Copy of the Inſtrument made between them on that occaſion. In the mean time the ſtate of *Venice*, and that of *Milan*, are Arming, being reſolved, as is ſaid, to hinder the French from being Maſters of that important place.

Marſeilles, Dec. 19. The Chevalier *de Noailles* is returned hither with the 8 French Gallies under his command from *Genoua*, that Senate having not thought fit to permit them to winter in their Arſenal. The Sieur *d'Opede* will ſail in few days with 8 other Gallies to try the Senate once more in this matter. The Corſairs of *Tripoli* have taken a French Merchant Ship laden with Merchandiſes to the value of 100 thouſand Crowns.

Prague, Dec. 23. This place, God be thanked, continues in very good health. The Emperor has reſolved to raiſe this Winter ſeveral Regiments of Horſe and Foot; and Count *Starenberg* is ſent with 50000 Gilders to *Philipsburg*, to ſee that place put into a perfect condition of defence.

Copenhagen, Dec. 19. The King of *Sueden* we hear has granted ſeveral great Privileges to the City of *Landſcroon*, making it a free Staple, and exempting the Inhabitants from paying Exciſe, and other Taxes, and from Quartering of Soldiers, *&c.* That King has cauſed a Placaet to be publiſhed, promiſing Pardon to ſuch of his Subjects that deſerted his ſervice during the War, as ſhall now return into it. Our King is going to reduce his Forces.

Strasburg, Dec. 26. The French make great Levies in theſe parts, as if they were entring into ſome great War. And at the ſame time they work hard on the Fortifications of *Hunningen*. And Monſieur *Vauban* the great Ingineer is arrived at *Homburg*, to add new Fortifications to that place.

Francfort, Dec. 31. The French are raiſing men here, and the Commiſſaries that are employed therein tell us, that they expect Orders to go on more vigorouſly with theſe Levies then yet they have done. From *Augsburg* we have Letters, giving an account, that the Duke of *Hanover*, who arrived there in his way to *Italy*, died very ſuddenly on the 28 paſt.

Liege, Jan. 2. The French have quite quitted *Verviers*, *Huy*, *Viſet*, and ſeveral other places in this Country.

Bruſſels, Jan. 3. Some days ſince his Excellency ſent ſeveral Troops to quarter in *Chieure*, a place belonging to this Government, to prevent the French quartering there, of which Monſieur *Calvo* having notice, he ſent to the Spaniſh Commander to require him to retire with his Troops, which he did accordingly, and the French entred into the place. We are told that his Excellency has received aſſurances from *Spain* of his continuing in this Government for ſome time longer. Yeſterday the young Prince of *Oſnabrug* paſſed through this place on his way to *Paris*. From *Alſate* we have an account, that the French have finiſhed the Canal between *Kaſtenholtz* and *Schleſtadt*, which will be of great uſe to them; and that the ſucceſs of this Work has put them upon a deſign of turning a Branch of the *Rhine* by *Briſac*; that Monſieur *Vauban* the French Ingineer is by the Kings command gone to *Homburg* to begin the Fortifications there, and from thence he is to go and viſit all the places on the *Saar*, to ſee if any are fit to be fortified. That the French

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